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In re application of:

Edward J. Gavin, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING
MASS SPECTRA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following:

This application is a national stage of International Application No. PCT/US01/44972, filed November 15, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/249,835 filed November 16, 2000 and 60/254,746 filed December 11, 2000. The above applications are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

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CONCLUSION

A favorable Action on the merits is solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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